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Mr. John H. Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright,

In your June 5, 1989 letter you claim I owe the CIA money and you cite a marked copy of your regulations.

I wrote you 7/15/ 89 stating that the regulations you enclosed are not identical with those in effect at the time your people pulled this dirty trick and falsely claimed I owe the CIA money.

You have not responded, not sent the applicable regulations, and not refuted what I wrote you. With your objective stonewalling, there was, from your point of view, no need to respond. You'd already stonewalled.

I've looked at parts of the newer regulations you sent with your June 5 letter, a part you neglected to mark that is applicable and proves all over again that you people are just deliberately dishonest.

On page 46459, under d:

"In order to protect the requester and the Agency from large, unexpected fees, when the anticipated charges will amount to more than $25.00 and the requester has not indicated his willingness to pay applicable fees, the processing of the request shall be suspended until the requester indicates his willingness to pay."

The CIA had announced, long before it copied the records in question, that it had complied in full and that no additional records existed.

I did not request them and I could not have requested them and the CIA knew this.

I did not know they existed and the CIA had assured not only me that it had nothing else on that subject.

In any event, were the foregoing not true, you did not notify me of the costs, you did not ask if I wanted the records and you did not suspend any processing until you got my assent.

I used to wonder if you people are capable of feeling any shame but I learned long ago that what should shame you doesn't because you regard everyone else as the enemy and yourselves as the only poeple who know and understand anything and the only ones who are patriots.

Law, decency, morality, ethics - all this means nothing to you because you have your own agenda and nothing else means anything to you.

In what you are doing and have done to me you disgrace yourselves, public service and the nation you pretend to love and serve.

There now is no possibility of your beginning to undo the harm you have done and, of course, if you hadn't intended it, you wouldn't have done it.

But if you have even the slightest shred of self-respect or concern for the reputation you are giving your agency you should make at least a decent effort. I almost said "honest" but I doubt you know the meaning of the word.

With profound disgust and contempt,

Harold Weisberg